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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Gerald Sachsenmaier, D.O.B. 11/12/62, of Menomonie, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 262 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute cocaine and distribution of cocaine. Sachsenmaier was found guilty of these charges following a one-day jury trial in June.

The evidence at trial showed that from April to June of 2003, Sachsenmaier conspired to sell cocaine in the Menomonie, Wisconsin area. It further showed that on or about May 24, 2003, Sachsenmaier sold cocaine at a party in Menomonie.

At sentencing, Judge Crabb told Sachsenmaier that it was particularly disturbing that Sachsenmaier had involved his son in his drug activities. Sachsenmaier's sentence was significantly increased because he has several prior drug convictions.

The charges against Sachsenmaier were the result of an investigation conducted by West Central Drug Task Force. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Elizabeth Altman and Laura Przybylinski Finn.

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